

## REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING AUGUST 27, 2019

The St. Bernard Parish School Board met in a Regular Monthly Meeting on Tuesday, August 27, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the St. Bernard Parish School Board Office. Following the Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance, the Secretary called the roll. Present were, Mr. Clifford M. Englande, President, Mrs. Darleen P. Asevedo, Mr. Donald D. Campbell, Mr. William H. Egan, Ms. Carly C. Jackson, Mrs. Katherine K. Lemoine, Mrs. Diana B. Dysart, Mr. Joseph V. Long, Sr., Mr. Shelton P. Smith, Mr. Sean K. Warner and Mrs. Rosiland R. White.

On motion of Mr. Long, seconded by Mr. Warner, the Board voted by a unanimous roll call vote of the members present to incorporate the report of the August General Committee Meeting of 2019 into the minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting of the Board for August 2019.

## GENERAL COMMITTEE REPORT TUESDAY, AUGUST 13, 2019

The St. Bernard Parish School Board met as a Committee of the Whole on Tuesday, August 13, 2019 at 6:20 p.m. in the Board Room of the St. Bernard Parish School Board Office. Following the Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance, the Secretary called the roll. Members present were, Mr. Clifford M. Englande, President, Mrs. Darleen P. Asevedo, Mr. Donald D. Campbell, Mr. William H. Egan, Ms. Carly C. Jackson, Mrs. Katherine K. Lemoine, Mrs. Diana B. Dysart, Mr. Joseph V. Long, Sr., Mr. Shelton P. Smith, Mr. Sean K. Warner and Mrs. Rosiland R. White.

On a point of privilege, Mrs. Dysart congratulated Ms. Tessie White-Stein on being named as the Louisiana Reading Association Administrator of the Year. Ms. Dysart also made note of the fact that the St. Bernard Parish Reading Association has been recognized for having the highest membership in the state. Congratulations from all the entire Committee was offered to Ms. White-Stein and the St. Bernard Reading Association.

Mr. Warner also requested a point of privilege to introduce Ms. Kay Doody, a librarian at Meraux Elementary, who will be running for the Louisiana 3<sup>rd</sup> District Senate Seat. Ms. Doody introduced herself and stated that she was representing St. Bernard and Education in her run for this seat. The Committee wished her good luck in this endeavor.

Mr. Englande also asked to share some information about St. Bernard students who assisted in the Louisiana School Board Association's Southern Regional Leadership Conference. Mr. Englande stated that the CHS Jazz Band and ROTC appeared at the Conference and made a very good impression. Thanks were also offered to the sponsors of those two groups, Kaleb Lambert, Mr. Jason Rusk, and Sergeant Sheppard.

Mr. Englande welcomed Mrs. Alex Schneider to present Super News.

Mrs. Schneider first shared some information regarding current publications that have been made available to the public. Those publications include the new brochure and the new school calendar which contains pertinent school dates.

Mrs. Schneider noted that a summer Super News segment was released via facebook as a way to share information regarding school start times and dress code, which would help parents prepare for the beginning of school. The August Super News included items regarding the summer production of "Once Upon a Mattress," the annual back to school rally with all School Board employees where the Superintendent announced raises as negotiated through the contract with St. Bernard Association of Educators which will be added to the recent raise given by the state of Louisiana, Students returned on August 8<sup>th</sup> and opened smoothly, a video by the Transportation reminding parents and the general public to never "Pass the Bus" when the stop sign is displayed. The Super News closed with an announcement regarding the upcoming Day of Reflection Breakfast on Thursday, August 29, 2019 and recognition of Chris Dier, a teacher at CHS, on being chosen as the Louisiana Teacher of the Year.

An additional announcement was made by Ms. Voitier about a recent \$5,000.00 donation to our High School Theatre Program by Mr. Fred Sigur. Thanks were offered to Mr. Sigur by the Superintendent and the Committee.

Next, Mr. Englande invited Mr. David Fernandez to appear for recognition of the School Board receiving both the GFOA (Government Finance Officers Association) and ASBO (Association of School Business Officials) Certificate of Achievement for excellence in financial reporting. Mr. Fernandez acknowledged that the school system has achieved this honor for 25 years which Mr. Fernandez stated could not be done without his incredible staff in the business office. Mr. Fernandez gave special thanks to Mrs. Pat Asevedo who is a long time School Board employee and is now retired but has continued to return to help Mr. Fernandez put together this financial report. Mr. Fernandez stated that Mrs. Asevedo has notified him that this is her last year to assist in this production, Mr. Fernandez gave thanks for her efforts and noted that she would be missed in the future. Mr. Englande, Ms. Voitier and the entire Committee commended the employees responsible for these awards which assure the public that the school system is being responsible with public funds.

Mrs. Lemoine, as education chair, welcomed Ms. Mary Lumetta, Assistant Superintendent, to offer a Technology Cybersecurity update.

Ms. Lumetta updated the Committee on our efforts to protect the school system against a recent rash of cybersecurity attacks to school systems and municipalities in many states. She stated that the state office of technology services has reached out to school districts providing guidance by coordinating with the F.B.I., Office of Homeland Security, National Guard and the State Police who have helped in providing the best measures to keep our data and network secure and prevent future cyberattacks to our system. The first request from these experts advised turning off the entire internet access within our network then slowly add each critical service one at a time by IP address. This means that the only information that can be accessed by people in our network is information that has been scrutinized for legitimacy, necessity and security. Only then will users of our network be allowed to visit that IP address.

Ms. Lumetta stressed that while this process may take a while and is completely different from our previous practice of having open internet

access, it is totally necessary and will be the new normal in internet use within the school district. She also noted that the alternative to these new security measures is leaving the school district information, data, records, etc. vulnerable to hackers who have already infiltrated many school districts and municipalities and held the information hostage with a demand for ransom for large sums of money. Additional strategies being imposed include training employees on phishing scams which are used to infiltrate networks and upgrading software on every computer in our school district to Windows 10 which offers an upgraded security system. Ms. Lumetta will continue to monitor this situation and work with security agencies to keep our school district safe from cyberattacks.

All questions were addressed by Ms. Lumetta. Mrs. Lemoine thanked Ms. Lumetta for her presentation.

Mr. Paul Granberry, Supervisor of Personnel, presented the August 2019 personnel changes for the Committee's review.

Mr. Warner served as chairperson for the following item to be addressed by the Finance Committee.

Mr. Fernandez next presented the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire for the Committee's approval. He explained that the questionnaire is completed each year at this time in conjunction with the district's annual financial audit. The questionnaire basically states that the district is in compliance with all state laws and must be approved by the Board prior to the audit so that it may be submitted to the auditors for inclusion in their opinion.

Mr. Smith moved to recommend to the Board to approve the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire. Seconded by Mr. Long the motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote of the members present.

Under Superintendent's Recommendations, Ms. Voitier reiterated that the opening of school was very smooth and on Thursday, August 29, 2019 will be the annual Day of Reflection Breakfast the Chalmette High 9<sup>th</sup> grade Academy gym. Tickets are available at the School Board Central Office.

There being no further business to discuss, on motion of Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mrs. Dysart and passed by a unanimous voice vote, the meeting was adjourned.

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Ms. Voitier appeared before the Board to present the Personnel changes for the month of August 2019.

**ST. BERNARD PARISH SCHOOL BOARD  
MINUTES OF AUGUST 27, 2019**

**CHANGES FOR BOARD MEMBERS INFORMATIONAL PURPOSE ONLY:**

**PERSONNEL CHANGES – TEACHERS****APPOINTMENTS**

Mallory Heath	Andrew Jackson Middle-Elementary Teacher (Temporary Assignment 2019-2020 School Year)
Ellen Doody	Chalmette Elementary-Kindergarten Teacher (Temporary Assignment 2019-2020 School Year)
Nicole Lauga	Arabi Elementary-Elementary Teacher (Temporary Assignment 2019-2020 School Year)
Mack Cormier	Rowley Alternative-High School Teacher (Temporary Assignment 2019-2020 School Year)
Stephanie Sherlock	Trist Middle-Elementary Teacher (Temporary Assignment 2019-2020 School Year)
Maigen Snow	Meraux Elementary-Elementary Teacher (Temporary Assignment 2019-2020 School Year)
Savannah Nunnery	Smith Pre-School-Special Education Teacher (Temporary Assignment 2019-2020 School Year)
Jonathan Hagan	Rowley Alternative-Elementary Teacher (Temporary Assignment 2019-2020 School Year)
Tracy Tinguee	Smith Elementary-Elementary Teacher (Temporary Assignment 2019-2020 School Year)
Victoria Houser	St. Bernard Middle-Special Education Teacher (Temporary Assignment 2019-2020 School Year)
Aerin Hemsath	St. Bernard Middle-Elementary Teacher (Temporary Assignment 2019-2020 School Year)

**TRANSFERS**

Julie Abadie	From Trist Middle-Elementary Teacher to Trist Middle-Instructional Coach
Katie McNab	From Arabi Elementary-Teacher Leader to Chalmette Elementary-Assistant Principal
Aleen LeBoeuf	From Chalmette High School-High School Teacher to Chalmette High School-CTE Coordinator
Ashley Bailey	From Davies Pre-School-Pre-K Teacher to Chalmette Pre-School-Pre-K Teacher
Rebecca Noto	From St. Bernard Middle-Elementary Teacher to St. Bernard Middle-Instructional Coach

**MEDICAL LEAVES**

Penny Tinnerella	Chalmette High School-Guidance Counselor
Ashley Nation	Arabi Elementary-Elementary Teacher (Elise Ballantyne is replacing Ashley Nation)
Abbie Schilling	Chalmette High School-High School Teacher
Kaylee Lefort	Chalmette Elementary-Elementary Teacher (Patrice Arceneaux is replacing Kaylee Lefort)
Sharene Dali	Trist Middle-Elementary Teacher (Erin DeVita is replacing Sharene Dali)
Roselyn Hansen	Arabi Elementary-School Nurse

**RESIGNATIONS**

Julia Quebedeaux	Chalmette Elementary-Elementary Teacher 8/1/19
Melissa Nunez	Rowley Alternative-Assistant Principal 8/7/19
Jourdan Maiaro	St. Bernard Middle-Elementary Teacher 8/26/19
Natalie Fernandez	St. Bernard Middle-Elementary Teacher 8/21/19
Cara Lee	Trist Middle-Elementary Teacher 8/23/19

**SUPPORT PERSONNEL**  
**APPOINTMENTS**

Dekia Cruell	Transportation-Bus Driver
Christine Kelley	Arabi Elementary-Educational Interpreter
Sondra Groby	Chalmette High School-Paraeducator
Amber Stogner	Andrew Jackson Middle-Paraeducator
Alexis Banks	Davies Elementary-Paraeducator
Ashley Retif	Meraux Elementary-Paraeducator
Tiffany Plumstead	Davies Elementary-Paraeducator
Grace Spence	Gauthier Elementary-Custodian

**TRANSFERS**

Kristen Lawson	From Davies Pre-School-Paraeducator to Chalmette Pre-School-Paraeducator
Myira Williams	From Meraux Elementary-Paraeducator to Smith Pre-School-Paraeducator
Mary Collins	From Chalmette High School-Paraeducator to Trist Middle-Paraeducator
Roshonda Bourgeois	From Smith Elementary-Paraeducator to Andrew Jackson Middle-Paraeducator
Kayla Schmidt	From Chalmette High School-Cafeteria Tech to Gauthier Elementary-Cafeteria Tech
Jimmy Glorioso	From Transportation-Bus Driver to Maintenance-Maintenance II
Carl James	From Trist Middle-Custodian to Smith Elementary-Custodian

**FAMILY LEAVE**

Tiffany Lala	Lacoste Elementary-Paraeducator
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**MEDICAL LEAVES**

Kristen Lawson	Chalmette Pre-School-Paraeducator
Deborah Merritt	Rowley Alternative-Custodian

**RESIGNATIONS**

Myesha Johnson	Smith Pre-School-Paraeducator 7/20/19
Troy Atwell	Andrew Jackson Middle-Part-Time Cafeteria Tech 8/6/19
Felicia Meranta	Transportation-Bus Driver 8/7/19

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With a recommendation from the committee, and as moved by Mrs. Asevedo, seconded by Mrs. Dysart, the Board voted by a unanimous roll call vote of the members present to approve the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire for submission to the auditors for inclusion in their opinion of the district's annual financial audit.

There were no items to be placed on the upcoming September General Committee Meeting.

Under Superintendent's recommendations Ms. Voitier reiterated that the opening of school went very smoothly. She also reminded everyone about the upcoming Day of Reflection Breakfast on Thursday, August 29, 2019.

Mr. Englande asked for a point of privilege to congratulate the New Orleans Eastbank Little League Team who won the Little League world championship recently. Mr. Englande noted that one of the players, Ryder Planchard, is actually a resident of St. Bernard. Mrs. Dysart also congratulated and praised the team on their accomplishments. Ms. Voitier also noted that both Chalmette High School Football and Volleyball are kicking off their seasons this week. Go Owls!

There being no further business to discuss, and on motion of Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mrs. Asevedo and passed by a unanimous voice vote, the meeting was adjourned.

Clifford M. Englande/s  
CLIFFORD M. ENGLANDE  
PRESIDENT

Doris Voitier/s  
DORIS VOITIER  
SECRETARY